MINOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL
AND NATURAL RESOURCE
ECONOMICS

The minor in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics is open
to all students who desire to complete an integrated set of courses
where they learn how to apply economics to a broad range of natural
resources and environmental issues. Interested in how economists
view climate change, parks and protected areas, renewable energy,
deforestation, carbon accounting, corporate social (and environmental)
responsibility and/or biodiversity and ecosystem services? Students
have the opportunity to develop skills to evaluate private and societal
choices that are made regarding human interactions with the natural
world. Economic theory and analytical methods are central to most public
policy discussions and investment projects. Students who build these
skills will be positioned to guide social dialogue and private investment
around some of the most important issues of the modern era.

The minor is highly complementary to the major fields of study that focus
on the management of natural resources (e.g., most majors within the
Warner College of Natural Resources) and those that focus on public
policy and social choice. Applicable courses that contribute to the minor
include core cores in environmental and natural resource economics as
well as courses applied to specialty topics in water, outdoor recreation
and tourism, energy, development, and agriculture.